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1. An apparatus comprising:

a first device configured to present one or more control signals in response to one or more input instructions; and

a bus interface configured to (i) receive said one or more control signals and (ii) provide power to said device.

2. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a program configured to either advance or retreat through a plurality of slides in response to said one or more control signals.

3. The apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

a second device configured to (i) run said program and (ii) communicate through said bus.

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4. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said bus interface comprises a Universal Serial Bus (USB) bus interface.

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5. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said bus interface comprises a wireless link between said first device and said second device.

6. The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said program is an electronic presentation program.

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7. The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said second device is configured to control said program in addition to said first device.

8. The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said second device is a computer.

9. The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said first device is configured to be hot-plugged to said computer at any time, even while said computer is running, wherein said device is immediately available for use without re-booting or re-powering
5 said computer.

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10. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more input instructions are generated by a presenter.

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11. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more input instructions are generated in response to one or more buttons.

12. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first device is configured to operate without user-installed driver software.

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13. The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said second device further comprises an alert indicator.

14. The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said alert indicator comprises either a visible indicator or a vibrator.

15. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said apparatus further comprises a laser pointer.

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16. A method for controlling a presentation comprising the steps of:

(A) generating one or more control signals in response to one or more input instructions;

(B) receiving said one or more control signals; and

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(C) providing power over a bus.

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17. The method according to claim 16, further comprising the step of:

either advancing or retreating through a plurality of slides in response to said one or more control signals.

18. The method according to claim 17, further comprising the step of:

running said program and communicating through said bus.

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19. The method according to claim 16, wherein said method is implemented using a Universal Serial Bus (USB) bus interface.

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20. An apparatus comprising:

a device configured to (i) control an electronic presentation program and (ii) communicate through a bus, wherein said electronic presentation program comprises a plurality of slides; and

a computer configured to (i) run said electronic presentation program and (ii) communicate through said bus, wherein



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